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SUBJECT: SOVIET ACADEMY SYMPOSIUM ON HISTORY OF MISSILE-
SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SEPTEMBER 19-23, MOSCOW

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING JAMES LETTER TO SOKOLSKY.

2. AUGUST 18, 1977

DR. V. N. SOKOLSKY
U.S.S.R. INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY
-- OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
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DEAR DR. SOKOLSKY:

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I WISH TO THANK YOU AND THE U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
FOR THE HONOR OF BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
PROGRAM OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON THE HISTORY OF MISSILE-SPACE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEDICATED TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BEGINNING OF THE SPACE AGE.

AT THE SECTION OF YOUR SYMPOSIUM ENTITLED "THE INFLUENCE

OF THE MASTERY OF SPACE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY" I WILL BE PLEASED TO PRESENT A SHORT ILLUSTRATED HISTORIC SURVEY, "THE WORLD-WIDE INFLUENCE OF SPUTNIK I ON YOUTH SCIENCE MOTIVATION PROGRAMS." AS YOU RECALL, I AM CHAIRMAN OF THE SAFETY IN YOUTH ROCKET EXPERIMENTS STUDY GROUP OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION, IN ADDITION TO MY HISTORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES. THUS, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBSERVE THROUGH THE "EYES OF A HISTORIAN" HOW THE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING AND ORBITAL FLIGHT OF SPUTNIK I AFFECTED THE ATTITUDES OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TOWARD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NOT ONLY IN THE U.S.S.R. AND THE U.S.A. BUT IN OTHER NATIONS AS WELL.

A COLLEAGUE OF MINE AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, DR. JOHN R. THOMAS, WILL BE IN MOSCOW AT THE TIME OF THE SYMPOSIUM AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO REPRESENT ME IN THE EVENT I CANNOT CHANGE MY TRAVEL PLANS TO ALLOW ME TO ATTEND.

MY ASSOCIATE, DR. JOHN R. THOMAS, IS PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. PROGRAMS IN THE NSF OFFICE OF INTER-NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND HAS WORKED WITH NASA ON THE APOLLO-SOYUZ PROGRAM. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN JOINT ACTIVITIES UNDER VARIOUS U.S.-U.S.S.R. SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE WILL BE IN THE U.S.S.R. AS UNCLASSIFIED

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A MEMBER OF THE JOINT SOLAR ENERGY WORKING GROUP UNDER THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. ENERGY AGREEMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 3-17, 1977.

DR. THOMAS WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND HIS STAY IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM AND, IF NECESSARY, TO MAKE MY PRESENTATION.

I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU AND THE U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES COULD EXTEND AN INVITATION TO DR. THOMAS TO ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM. HIS ADDRESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

DR. JOHN R. THOMAS
U.S.-U.S.S.R. PROGRAM MANAGER
DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20550

BOTH FRED DURANT, WHO IS PLANNING TO ATTEND WITH MRS. DURANT, AND FRANK WINTER, OF THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM, JOINT ME IN SENDING YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR

THE SUCCESS OF THIS SYMPOSIUM HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE SPACE AGE.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU, IF NOT IN MOSCOW, THEN AT THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ASTRONAUTICS HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN PRAGUE DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 1, 1977.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE S. JAMES
PROGRAM MANAGER
COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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3. FYI. DECISION ON JAMES' PARTICIPATION IN SYMPOSIUM NOT EXPECTED PRIOR TO EARLY SEPTEMBER. ALTHOUGH JAMES PLANS TO USE 35 MM SLIDES, HE CAN ARRANGE TO USE ANOTHER SIZE IF DESIRED. JOHN THOMAS (NSF) WILL BE ATTENDING SOLAR SEMINARS (08.0209) AND, IF APPROPRIATE INVITATION EXTENDED, WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ACADEMY SYMPOSIUM. AS THOMAS PLANS TO DEPART US ON SEPTEMBER 2, WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31 WHETHER ACADEMY WILL EXTEND THOMAS AN INVITATION AND THE SIZE OF SLIDES DESIRED. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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